

July 14, 2003

**Public Notice for Section 401 Water Quality Certification  
and/or  
Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects)  
Crescent City Outfall Investigation Project  
(WDID No. 1A03118WNDN)**

**Del Norte County**

On June 19, 2003, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the City of Crescent City requesting a Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for testing and evaluation of the wastewater treatment plant ocean outfall in Del Norte County. The application was deemed complete on June 27, 2003. The proposed project causes disturbances to waters of the state associated with the Pacific Ocean.

The proposed project is located in the inner tidal zone south of Battery Point, Crescent City, Del Norte County, California. The purpose of the project is to maintain and monitor an existing wastewater outfall.

The proposed project consists of exposing the outfall for inspection and testing at one location, and to install an access port at a second location. The access port is required for insertion of a closed circuit television camera for internal inspection of the outfall. Excavators will remove sand, gravel and boulders to expose the outfall pipe at both locations. Pneumatic tools will be used at both locations to break up concrete surrounding the outfall pipe. At both locations, the work areas will be returned to their natural state after pouring replacement concrete protection for the outfall. At the first location, the excavation will be filled within a few hours. The access port will be terminated below grade at the second location, and the excavated area will be refilled within two or three days. Leaching of uncured concrete into tidal waters will be prevented by using weighted plastic sheeting and/or wooden containment boxes to isolate newly poured concrete from tidal waters.

Work will be completed during four or five work events during suitable low tides from August 9<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003. (-0.9 feet low tide at 0324 on August 9<sup>th</sup>, -1.2 feet low tide at 0415 August 10<sup>th</sup>, -1.2 feet low tide at 0500 August 11<sup>th</sup>, -1.1 feet low tide at 0542 August 12<sup>th</sup>, and -0.8 feet low tide at 0621 August 13<sup>th</sup>) Follow-up work may be completed on August 27<sup>th</sup> (-0.7 feet low tide at 0520) and 28<sup>th</sup> (-0.6 feet low tide at 0554) August is the latest month with adequate low tides to perform the work.

The total area of intertidal area temporarily impacted will be approximately 0.023 acres.

The City of Crescent City, as the lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has determined that this project qualifies for a class 6 categorical exemption pursuant to Section 15306 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The outfall maintenance is scheduled to begin August 9, 2003 and end on August 28, 2003. Staff is proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and/or Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act Authority. In addition, staff will consider all comments received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact staff member Albert Wellman at (707) 576-2665, or at [wella@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:wella@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov) within 21 days of the posting of this notice.